



Thirteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts Bonn, Germany

27–30 April 2021

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II. Annotations

1. Opening of the meeting.

1. The co-chairs of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts (ExCom), Ms. Le-Anne Roper (Jamaica) and Mr. Malcolm Ridout (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), will open the 13th meeting of the ExCom (ExCom 13) on 27 April 2021.

2. Adoption of the agenda.

2. The provisional agenda for ExCom 13 will be presented for adoption.

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3. Organizational matters.

3. The ExCom will meet for two hours each day from 27 to 30 April, starting at 23:00 CET. Before the official opening of ExCom 13, the co-chairs will convene an informal gathering of ExCom members on 26 April. This will enable, among others, new members to become familiar with the procedural matters and the work of the committee.
4. Given the fixed duration of time slots in the virtual format of the meeting, the Co-Chairs encourage all members to actively engage in the exchange of views on topics for consideration by the committee under different agenda items prior to and during the meeting via other electronic modalities.

5. Observers will be welcome throughout the meeting unless otherwise indicated. Registered observers will be invited to make verbal interventions in the context of the agenda items being considered, as time allows. Observers can provide comments through chat throughout the meeting or via email to loss-damage@unfccc.int. Should breakout groups be organized, registered observers will also be invited to participate in these.
6. To ensure transparency, all documents and updates will be posted on the [ExCom 13 webpage](#). The Working language of the meeting is English, and there will be no translation.

4. Work of the expert groups of the Executive Committee.

7. The ExCom has five expert groups in operation. Of these, three are new. ExCom 12 adopted 1) the terms of reference for the expert groups on non-economic losses, slow onset events, and action and support, and 2) elected members of the committee to serve in these groups.
8. The expert group on non-economic losses held its first meeting during the week of 15 March¹ and forwarded its draft Plan of Action to the ExCom on 22 April for endorsement. The technical expert group on comprehensive risk management held its 3rd meeting on 24 March 2021.² The task force on displacement held its 5th meeting on 13 April 2021.³ The expert group on slow onset events held its first meeting from 12 April to 19 April to develop its Plan of Action,⁴ and will forward it to the ExCom for endorsement prior to ExCom 13. The expert group on action and support plans to hold its 1st meeting in the weeks of 17 and 24 May 2021.⁵
9. ExCom 12 decided to prioritize, at the first meeting of the year, a discussion of activities in thematic areas of work to promote collaboration across the expert groups.⁶ The most recent guidance from the COP/CMA:
 - (a) Requests the ExCom to identify modalities for fostering the sharing of relevant knowledge and experience among practitioners and vulnerable countries in an interactive and practical manner;⁷
 - (b) Invites the ExCom to engage relevant experts and collect and disseminate information on methodologies available for integrating long-term assessment, including those associated with the quantification of risks, into comprehensive climate risk management approaches, including national and subnational assessment and planning processes.⁸

Action

10. The ExCom will be invited to endorse the draft Plans of Action of the expert groups on non-economic losses and slow onset events and additional activities, if any, to be incorporated in the Plan(s) of Action of other expert groups, as appropriate.
11. The ExCom will also be invited to take note of the progress of the work by the expert groups and provide further guidance, including on ways to promote collaboration across the expert groups, taking into account modalities for fostering knowledge sharing in general, and the integration of long-term risk assessment into comprehensive climate risk management approaches at national and sub-national levels.

<i>Summary of TEG-CRM 3</i> See ExCom 13 page

¹ <https://unfccc.int/event/NELs1>.

² <https://unfccc.int/event/TEG-CRM-3>.

³ <https://unfccc.int/event/Excom/TFD5>.

⁴ <https://unfccc.int/event/SOEs1>

⁵ <https://unfccc.int/event/ASEG1>.

⁶ See ExCom 12 [summary of decisions](#).

⁷ Decision 2/CMA.2, para 12.

⁸ Decision 2/CMA.2, para 23.

<i>Summary of TFD 5</i>	See ExCom 13 page
<i>Summary of NELs 1</i>	<u>Summary of proceedings</u>
<i>Summary of SOEs 1</i>	<u>Summary of proceedings</u>
<i>Draft Plan of Action of NELs EG and SOEs EG</i>	<u>NELs expert group.</u> <u>SOEs expert group</u>

5. The role and contribution of the ExCom in the global stocktake as contained in decision 19/CMA.1.

12. Information collection and preparation is the first component of the global stocktake, followed by a technical assessment and the subsequent consideration of outputs.⁹
13. The CMA requested the Chairs of the SBSTA and the SBI to issue a call for the inputs to the global stocktake, taking into account that such inputs should be submitted at least three months before their consideration in the technical assessment.
14. By the same decision, the CMA invited, among others, the ExCom to prepare for the technical assessment, with the assistance of the secretariat, synthesis reports on the information identified in paragraph 36 of the same decision in their areas of expertise.
15. ExCom 9 (April 2019) agreed to consider the role and contribution of the ExCom in its future meetings, starting with the first meeting of 2020.¹⁰
16. ExCom 11 (March 2020) initiated its consideration. ExCom 12 (October 2020) established an intersessional group of members to prepare a draft table of contents of the synthesis report for consideration by the ExCom at ExCom 13, taking into account initial views shared during ExCom 12 on the possible scope of information in response to para 36(e) of decision 19/CMA.1, indicative timeframe and milestones as well as ways to liaise with other constituted bodies.

Action

17. The ExCom will be invited to consider the draft table of contents of the ExCom's synthesis report for the 1st global stocktake and agree on the next steps.

<i>EXCOM/2021/13/2</i>	<u>A draft table of contents</u> of the Global Stocktake synthesis report
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6. Updating of the ExCom 5 year-rolling workplan.

18. ExCom 6 (October 2017) decided to evaluate, in 2020, progress made towards implementation of its workplan to inform its consideration for developing future activities. At ExCom 11 (March 2020), the members shared their reflections on the successes, shortcomings, and lessons learned from implementing the current five-year rolling workplan in the context of the ExCom's 2020 evaluation.
19. ExCom 12 (October 2021) took note of these reflections for informing ExCom's deliberations on the development of new activities under the five-year rolling workplan.
20. At the same meeting, the ExCom concluded the procedural work setting up expert groups for all strategic workstreams of the current five-year rolling workplan. The scope of work of these groups covers the activities contained in the respective workstreams of the current five-year rolling workplan of the ExCom.

⁹ Decision 19/CMA.1.

¹⁰ 2019 ExCom report, paragraph 18 (e)(iii) as contained in document FCCC/SB/2019/5/Add.1. Also see 2/CMA.2, paragraph 1.

Action

21. The ExCom will be invited to share initial views on the timing and guiding principles to be considered for updating its five-year rolling workplan with the view to completing the updates at ExCom 14, taking into account deliverables (actual and planned) by the expert groups through the implementation of their Plan of Actions.

<i>Workplan</i>	<u>Current five-year rolling workplan of the ExCom</u> <u>Summary</u> of views on the successes, shortcomings, and lessons learned, shared via e-Delphi and noted at Excom 12
<i>FCCC/SB/2019/5/Add.1 Annex I and Annex II</i>	<u>TFD Plan of Action for 2019–2021; TEG-CRM Plan of Action</u>
<i>Further information</i>	See under item 4 for the links to the draft Plans of Action

7. Engagement and outreach.

22. The ExCom works with a broad range of organizations, networks and other stakeholders. In addition, ExCom 12 agreed to further promote the call for Parties to establish loss and damage contact points via appropriate communication channels.
23. The expert groups provide a key modality for collaboration. Further, the ExCom also partners with relevant organizations and engages experts in implementing a variety of mandates, for instance, to respond to a request by the COP to establish a clearinghouse for risk transfer¹¹ or to contribute to increasing a peer-reviewed knowledge-base on slow onset events by delivering a journal special issue.¹²
24. The ExCom also collaborates with other constituted bodies on an activity basis, such as the TEC, with whom the committee published a policy brief on technologies for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage in coastal zones last year, with an engagement of over 20 contributing organizations and experts.
25. As part of the results from the 2nd review of the WIM, Parties provided the ExCom with specific areas for continuing or further enhancing its collaborative efforts, including:
- (a) To foster, in collaboration with relevant organizations, public education and awareness-raising efforts at the regional, national and local level, including efforts with a capacity-building component;
 - (b) To further engage and strengthen its dialogue with the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) by providing input to the SCF when it provides information, recommendations and draft guidance relating to the operating entities of the financial mechanisms under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, as appropriate;¹³
 - (c) To clarify, in collaboration with the Green Climate Fund (GCF), how developing country Parties may access funding from the GCF,¹⁴ to which the ExCom initiated dialogue with the GCF secretariat at ExCom 12.

Action

26. The ExCom will be invited to consider ways to enhance its engagement with the GCF and the SCF.
27. The ExCom will also be invited to consider opportunities, including outreach events that target contact points and focal points, to widen the stakeholder pool and enhance

¹¹ Which the ExCom has been collaborating with the InsuResilience Global Partnership secretariat.

¹² For which the ExCom has partnered with a publisher Elsevier and engaged individual experts to serve as guest editors.

¹³ Decision 2/CMA.2, para 37.

¹⁴ Decision 2/CMA.2, para 39.

its engagement with relevant organizations, in particular, for public education and awareness raising

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Note by the co-chairs with proposals for outreach events

8. Emerging needs and cross-cutting issues.

28. The current rolling workplan was developed during the course of 2017 based on proposals for activities submitted by Parties and relevant organizations. Excom 6 (October 2017) adopted the workplan and, at the same time, decided to include an agenda item in its future meetings to consider emerging needs and cross-cutting issues, as brought up by members.
29. ExCom 12 agreed to prioritize, at its first meetings of the year, discussion of activities in thematic areas of work to promote collaboration across the expert groups, including in relation to technical guides.

Action

30. The ExCom will be invited to consider thematic areas of work and any other emerging needs or cross-cutting issues.

9. Organization of intersessional work.

Action:

31. The ExCom will be invited to agree on leads/co-leads for the intersessional working groups established during the meeting and on the corresponding work of the groups.

10. Dates of the next meeting.

32. The ExCom will be invited to decide on the tentative dates or timing for ExCom 14.

11. Any other matters.

33. Any other matters arising during the meeting will be taken up under this item.

12. Closure of the meeting.

34. ExCom 13 is scheduled to close on 30 April 2021.
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